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To whom it may concern,
There were many uneducated claims from opposing LAc's at yesterdays hearing.

For one, as Doctors of Physical Therapy we CAN and DO diagnose, so ordering imaging just allows us to have more information for that diagnosis. This allows us to make a MORE informed decision about whether this patient is appropriate for PT or should be seeing another practitioner (surgeon etc) as well as guides our treatment to be more specific to the extent of the injury. Why would we not want this?

Many practitioners, other than LAc's, are able to do dry needling including NPs and naturopaths. Many of my NP and Naturopaths colleagues have commented that I, as a physical therapist and musculoskeletal EXPERT, have more training than they do for performing dry needling.

Wound debridement has LONG been a part of the scope of a physical therapist. I did a clinical rotation in wound debridement and it was helpful for the patient to have the same person helping with their wound as with their physical movement because we could combine the information for the best plan of care for the patient.

I was a physical therapist in Arkansas for many years and ran a clinic where most PTs also performed dry needling and we never had one negative incident.

Thank you for your time.